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ALERT arrests 18 fugitives during Edmonton Police Service CAT operations

Edmonton... Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team's Fugitive Apprehension Sheriffs Support Team (FASST) arrested 18 fugitives wanted on 76 warrants while assisting the Edmonton Police Service Community Action Team (CAT) with two four-day operations in downtown Edmonton.

These operations are part of the EPS Violence Reduction Strategy that aims to reduce the severity, frequency, and fear of violence in Edmonton. CAT is moved into distressed communities to address disorder and violence using suppression, intervention and prevention tactics.

Between October 5 and 9, and November 2 and 5, members of the ALERT FASST team targeted a number of subjects residing in the deployment area who had outstanding warrants for their arrest. During the October operation, FASST arrested seven people wanted on 39 warrants. In November, 11 people were arrested on 37 warrants.

FASST also conducted curfew and residence checks on people who were released on bail with conditions to reside at certain addresses.

A number of the targets had multiple arrest warrants. The nature of the warrants included offences like assault, theft, fraud, impaired driving, weapons, drug trafficking, failure to appear, and failure to comply.

ALERT is happy to support the work of the EPS CAT in its efforts to reduce violence in Edmonton. FASST hopes to continue to work in partnership with EPS on future CAT operations.

FASST tracks, investigates, and arrests criminals who are wanted on outstanding warrants in Alberta and have previously evaded capture. The team plays an important role in promoting safe, secure communities by arresting criminals who evade capture and decreasing the likelihood of them re-offending and re-victimizing Albertans. The support of FASST allows local police more time and resources to focus on other priorities like community policing and criminal investigations.

ALERT is an umbrella organization established by the Government of Alberta to bring together the province's most sophisticated law enforcement resources to tackle serious and organized crime. Close to 400 municipal police, RCMP and sheriffs work for ALERT.

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